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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

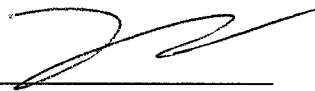
Sir/Madam:

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary dated April 17, 2008, Applicants submit this Interview Summary. An Interview Summary by the Applicants is due May 17, 2008. Accordingly, this Interview Summary is being timely filed.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Chen for the courtesies extended in the April 17, 2008 Interview with Applicants' representatives. During the interview, the Claim Amendments and the Remarks submitted on December 31, 2007 and re-submitted on March 31, 2008 were discussed. In particular, two references, Miyahira *et al.* (*J. Immunol. Meth.* 1995, 181:45-54; hereinafter "Miyahira") and Hagiwara *et al.* (*AIDS Res. Hum. Retrovir.* 1996, 12:127-33; hereinafter "Hagiwara"), and arguments relating to these two references as set forth in the previously submitted Remarks were discussed in connection with the pending claims.

Applicants are grateful to note that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection of claims 40 and 43-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyahira in view of Hagiwara in a non-final Office Action mailed April 23, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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